

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application)	
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Inventors: Mark A. Reiley)	
)	Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/615,727)	
)	Examiner: David J. Isabella
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Title: FACET ARTHROPLASTY DEVICES)	
AND METHODS)	

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RESPONSE AND SUGGESTION OF INTERFERENCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §41.202

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on April 11, 2006 that sets a one month or thirty day deadline to respond. The date to respond is May 11, 2006.

In response to the aforementioned Office Action, Applicant submits the following amendments to correct the deficiencies in Applicant's suggestion of interference.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Suggestion of Interference begins on page 5 of this paper.